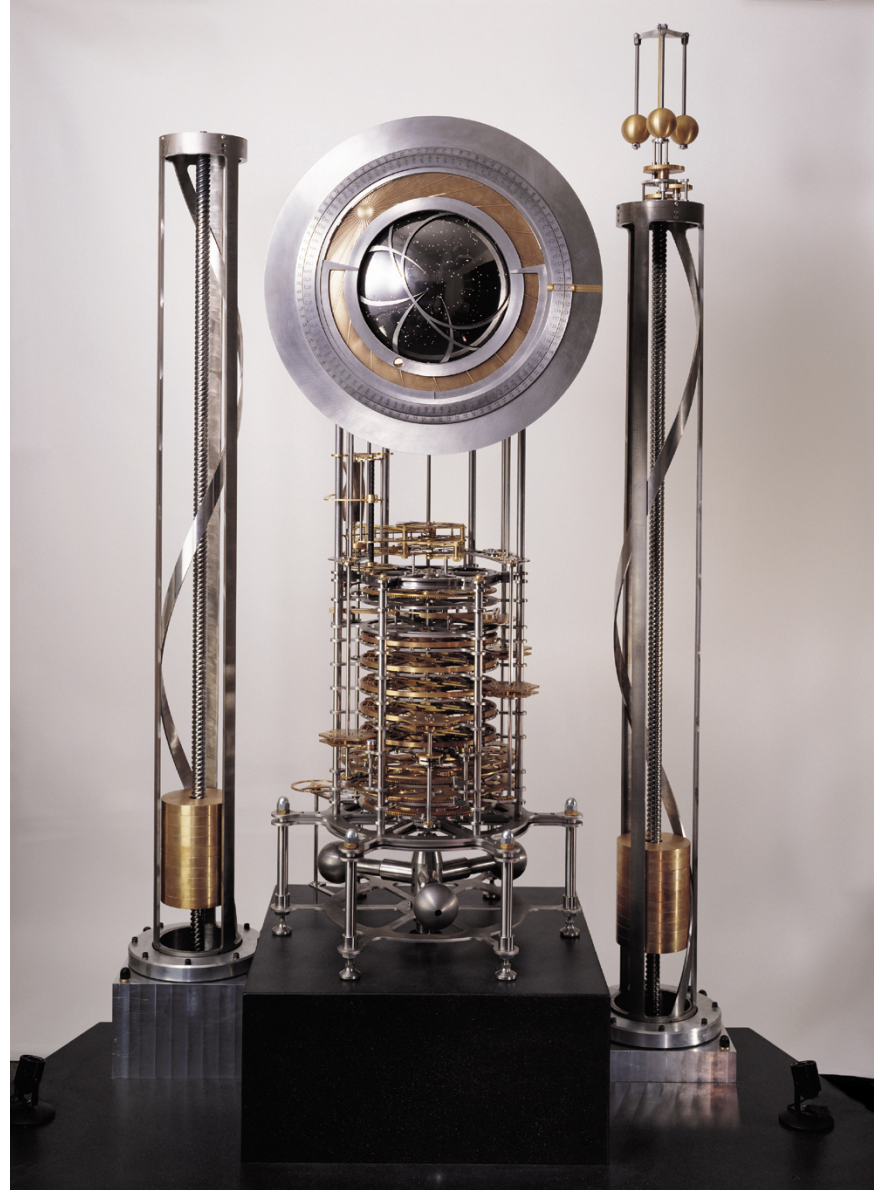


# How do you even test that?

A software QA primer

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# Disclaimers

- This topic is bigger than fits in this lecture
- All code shown will be python
- Techniques should work in multiple languages
- Have build/worked with versions of these approaches in:
  - bash
  - python
  - ruby
  - Perl
  - C
  - Java
  - C#





What is the purpose of testing?



# Make Testing Great Again!

- Writing tests is extra work
- It has to be easy for people to write tests for new functions
- It has to be easy for people to run tests to feel worth writing tests
- Ideally most tests run on people's laptops
- Test failures should be repeatable

# You don't have to go it alone

- Java - junit
- Python - unittest
- Perl - Test.pm
- C - autotest (part of autoconf / automake)
- Nearly every language environment has test framework to get running with

# The simplest Test File: test\_mystuff.py

```
import unittest

class TestMyTest(unittest.TestCase):

    def setUp(self):
        ...

    def test_something(self):
        ...
        self.assertEqual(a, b)

    def test_some_other_thing(self):
        ...
        self.assertRaises(exception.Foo,
                           somefunc, arg1, arg2)

    def tearDown(self):
        ...
```

- Naming is magical, and important
  - Filename must start with test.\*
  - Test classes must start with Test.\*
  - Test functions must start with test.\*
- run order: setUp → test\_foo → tearDown for every test
- all tests run in a single process, global state changes will not automatically be reset
- run order of test\_foo vs. test\_foo2 is not defined, plan accordingly
- *all test systems will have caveats, read up on them*



# Actually running tests

- What has to be installed?
- What are the dependencies?
- Testing different environments?

# Is it even software?

```
def sum(*args):  
    res = 0  
    for arg in args:  
        res += arg  
    return res
```

- Compilers help in compiled languages
- In dynamic languages, you need linters
- for python: flake8 / pylint

# Writing testable code

- What's perfectly testable code?
  - Limited inputs
  - Limited branches
  - No side effects - no state saving, no communication to other systems
  - AKA - LISP
- This is < 5% of all interesting software
- What do we do for the other 95%?



# Fakes

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# Mocks

- Build a fake implementation of an abstraction layer
- Load and run for an entire test class
- Pros:
  - Easy to replace in testing
  - Can respond with anything you want, including odd errors that are hard to get in production
- Cons:
  - Only as accurate as you make it
  - Can easily become a complex simulator that has it's own bugs

- Dynamically replace function calls
- Typically done **per** test method
- Pros:
  - Very precise isolation
  - Don't need to build a whole fake
  - Really easy to do fault injection
- Cons:
  - Can very easily drift from real behavior
  - Can make refactoring hard

# Fakes

compute.api	compute.api	compute.api
compute.manager	compute.manager	compute.manager
virt.driver	virt.driver	virt.driver
virt.driver.libvirt	virt.driver.libvirt	fakevirt
libvirt	fakelibvirt	

# Mocking in action

when called,  
return 11,  
always

```
@mock.patch.object(objects.Service, 'get_minimum_version',  
                    return_value=11)  
def test_validate_auto_or_none_network_request_old_computes(self, mock_get_ver):
```

Reference to  
mock

```
    """Tests that the network request is nulled out when the minimum  
    nova-compute is not running new enough code to support 'auto'.  
    """
```

```
    req_nets = objects.NetworkRequestList(  
        objects=[objects.NetworkRequest(network_id='auto')])
```

```
    self.assertIsNone(  
        self.controller._validate_auto_or_none_network_request(req_nets))
```

```
    mock_get_ver.assert_called_once_with(mock.ANY, 'nova-compute')
```

test that this was called  
exactly once with these  
parameters



# Unit test vs. Integration test



# Integration Testing

- Assemble the whole system into some workable whole
- Run some representative set of tests on it
- Ensure that all the individual working parts build a working whole



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QA Engineer walks into a bar. Orders a beer.  
Orders 0 beers. Orders 999999999 beers.  
Orders a lizard. Orders -1 beers. Orders a  
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```
2016-10-30 16:52:19,208 [DEBUG] root: <class 'arwn.vendor.RFXtrx.SensorEvent'> device=[<class  
'arwn.vendor.RFXtrx.RFXtrxDevice'> type='PCR800' id='96:00'] values=[('Battery numeric', 9), ('Rain Rate (mm/hr)',  
0.99), ('Rain Total (mm)', 422.7), ('Rssi numeric', 6)]  
2016-10-30 16:52:22,467 [DEBUG] root: <class 'arwn.vendor.RFXtrx.ControlEvent'> device=[<class  
'arwn.vendor.RFXtrx.LightingDevice'> type='HomeEasy EU' id='2aa82aa:11'] values=[('Command', 'Set group level'), ('Dim  
level', 68), ('Rssi numeric', 2)]  
2016-10-30 16:52:22,468 [DEBUG] PidFile: <pid.PidFile object at 0x762bb1e8> closing pidfile:  
/home/sdague/code/arwn/arwn.pid  
2016-10-30 16:52:22,469 [ERROR] root: Something went wrong!  
Traceback (most recent call last):  
  File "/home/sdague/code/arwn/.venv/local/lib/python2.7/site-packages/arwn-1.0.0-py2.7.egg/arwn/cmd/collect.py", line  
80, in main  
    event_loop(config)  
  File "/home/sdague/code/arwn/.venv/local/lib/python2.7/site-packages/arwn-1.0.0-py2.7.egg/arwn/cmd/collect.py", line  
67, in event_loop  
    dispatcher.loopforever()  
  File "/home/sdague/code/arwn/.venv/local/lib/python2.7/site-packages/arwn-1.0.0-py2.7.egg/arwn/engine.py", line 186,  
in loopforever  
    packet.from_packet(event.device.pkt)  
  File "/home/sdague/code/arwn/.venv/local/lib/python2.7/site-packages/arwn-1.0.0-py2.7.egg/arwn/engine.py", line 76, in  
from_packet  
    self.bat = packet.battery  
AttributeError: 'Lighting2' object has no attribute 'battery'  
2016-10-30 16:52:22,473 [DEBUG] PidFile: <pid.PidFile object at 0x762bb1e8> closing pidfile:  
/home/sdague/code/arwn/arwn.pid
```



The journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step





# phue.py

- Python interface to Hue light bulbs
- Constraints:
  - Single file
  - No external requirements
  - Has to work in python 2 & 3
- No existing testing at all

# First test

```
import testtools

import phue # noqa

class TestImport(testtools.TestCase):

    def test_import_works(self):
        pass
```

# Test runner – tox.ini

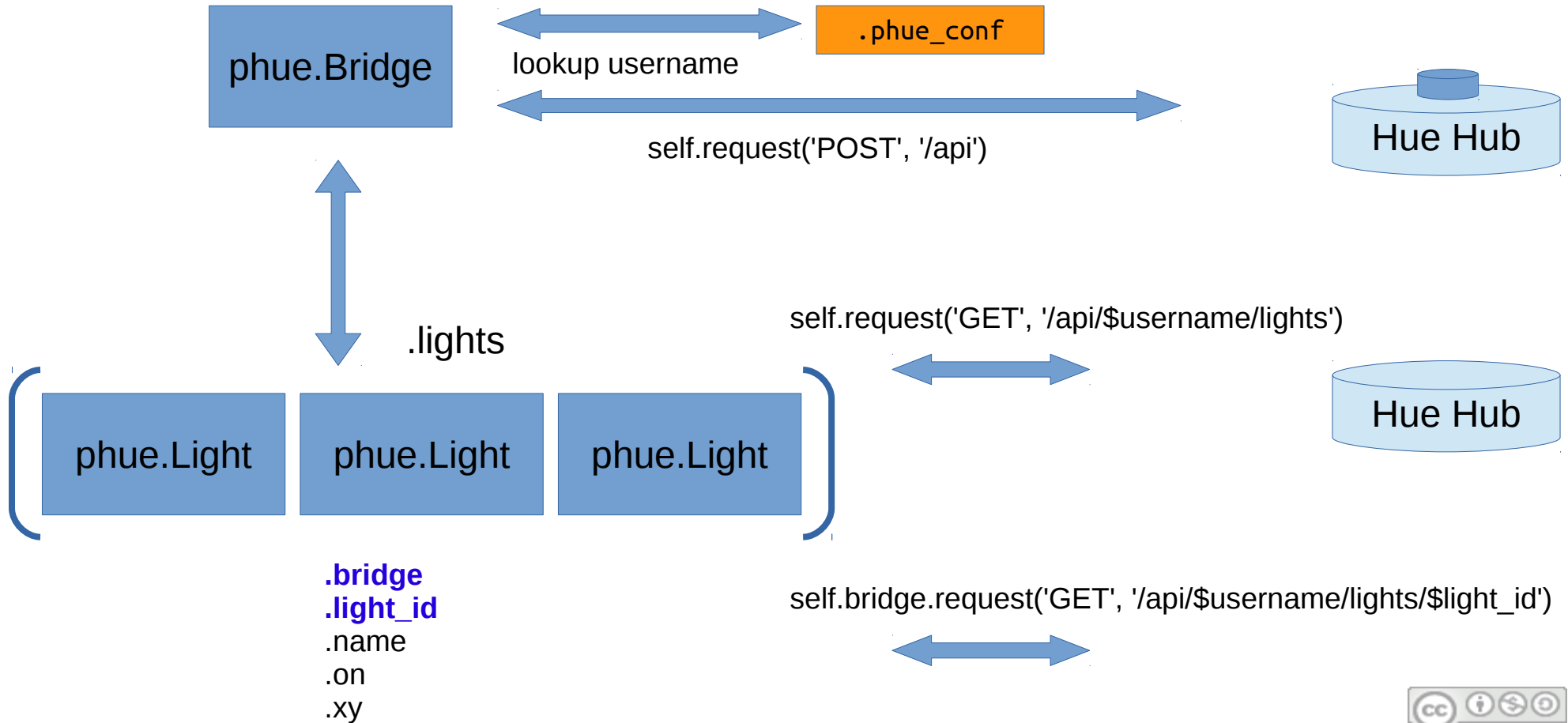
```
[tox]
envlist = pep8, py27, py35
skip_missing_interpreters = True

[testenv]
setenv =
    LANG=en_US.UTF-8
    PYTHONPATH = {toxinidir}
commands =
    py.test -v --timeout=30 --duration=10 --cov=phue --cov-report html {posargs}
deps =
    -r{toxinidir}/test-requirements.txt

[testenv:pep8]
deps = flake8
basepython = python3
commands =
    flake8 phue.py

[flake8]
ignore = E501
exclude = .venv,.git,.tox,dist,doc,*lib/python*,*egg,build
```

# What's this software actually look like?



```
def request(self, mode='GET', address=None, data=None):
    """ Utility function for HTTP GET/PUT requests for the API """
    connection = httplib.HTTPConnection(self.ip, timeout=10)

    try:
        if mode == 'GET' or mode == 'DELETE':
            connection.request(mode, address)
        if mode == 'PUT' or mode == 'POST':
            connection.request(mode, address, data)

        logger.debug("{0} {1} {2}".format(mode, address, str(data)))

    except socket.timeout:
        error = "{} Request to {} timed out.".format(mode, self.ip, address)

        logger.exception(error)
        raise PhueRequestTimeout(None, error)

    result = connection.getresponse()
    connection.close()
    if PY3K:
        return json.loads(str(result.read(), encoding='utf-8'))
    else:
        result_str = result.read()
        logger.debug(result_str)
        return json.loads(result_str)
```

```
class TestRequest(testtools.TestCase):

    def setUp(self):
        super(TestRequest, self).setUp()
        self.home = fixtures.TempHomeDir()
        self.useFixture(self.home)

    def test_register(self):
        """test that registration happens automatically during setup."""
        confname = os.path.join(self.home.path, '.python_hue')
        with mock.patch("phue.Bridge.request") as req:
            req.return_value = [{'success': {'username': 'foo'}}]
            bridge = phue.Bridge(ip="10.0.0.0")
            self.assertEqual(bridge.config_file_path, confname)

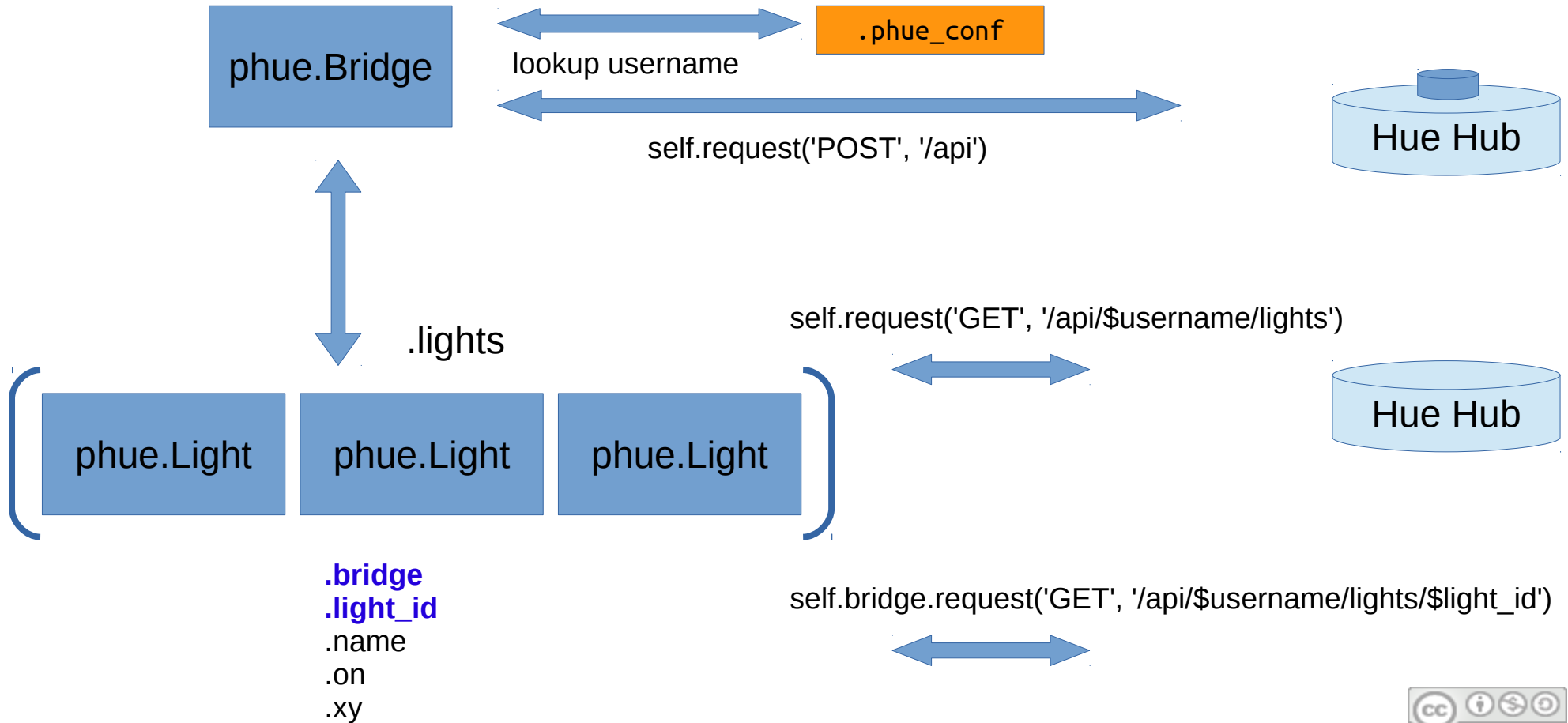
        # check contents of file
        with open(confname) as f:
            contents = f.read()
            self.assertEqual(contents, '{"10.0.0.0": {"username": "foo"}}')

        # make sure we can open under a different file
        bridge2 = phue.Bridge(ip="10.0.0.0")
        self.assertEqual(bridge2.username, "foo")

        # and that we can even open without an ip address
        bridge3 = phue.Bridge()
        self.assertEqual(bridge3.username, "foo")
        self.assertEqual(bridge3.ip, "10.0.0.0")
```

All request calls return  
same results

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    except socket.timeout:
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        logger.exception(error)
        raise PhueRequestTimeout(None, error)

    result = connection.getresponse()
    connection.close()
    if PY3K:
        return json.loads(str(result.read(), encoding='utf-8'))
    else:
        result_str = result.read()
        logger.debug(result_str)
        return json.loads(result_str)
```



```

LIGHTS1 = {
    u'1': {u'manufacturername': u'Philips',
          u'modelid': u'LCT001',
          u'name': u'Living Room Bulb',
          u'state': {u'alert': u'none',
                    u'bri': 254,
                    u'colormode': u'xy',
                    u'ct': 382,
                    u'effect': u'none',
                    u'hue': 14665,
                    u'on': True,
                    u'reachable': True,
                    u'sat': 156,
                    u'xy': [0.4677, 0.4121]}},
    u'swversion': u'5.23.1.13452',
    u'type': u'Extended color light',
    u'uniqueid': u'00:17:88:01:00:d1:fd:53-0b'},
...
}

```

```

RESP = dict(GET=dict(), POST=dict(), PUT=dict(),
            DELETE=dict())
RESP['GET']['/api/username/lights/'] = LIGHTS1
for key, value in LIGHTS1.items():
    RESP['GET']['/api/username/lights/%s' % key] = \
        LIGHTS1[key]

```

```

class FakeHTTP(object):

```

```

    def __init__(self, *args, **kwargs):
        super(FakeHTTP, self).__init__()
        self.call = None

    def request(self, mode, addr, data=None):
        self.call = Request(mode, addr, data)

    def getresponse(self):
        data = samples.RESP[self.call.mode][self.call.addr]
        return StringIO(dump(data))

    def close(self):
        pass

```

```

class TestLights(testtools.TestCase):

```

```

    def setUp(self):
        super(TestLights, self).setUp()
        self.useFixture(
            fixtures.MonkeyPatch(httplib, fakes.FakeHTTP))
        self.bridge = phue.Bridge(
            ip="10.0.0.0", username="username")

    def test_get_lights(self):
        lights = self.bridge.get_light_objects('id')
        self.assertEqual(lights[1].name, "Living Room Bulb")

```

# Keeping track of progress

## Coverage for **phue.py** : 34%

673 statements

228 run

445 missing

0 excluded

```
1  #!/usr/bin/python
2  # -*- coding: utf-8 -*-
3
4  '''
5  phue by Nathanaël Lécaudé - A Philips Hue Python library
6  Contributions by Marshall Perrin, Justin Lintz
7  https://github.com/studioimaginaire/phue
8  Original protocol hacking by rsmck : http://rsmck.co.uk/hue
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10 Published under the MIT license - See LICENSE file for more details.
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12 "Hue Personal Wireless Lighting" is a trademark owned by Koninklijke Philips Electronics N.V., see www.meethue.com for more information.
13 I am in no way affiliated with the Philips organization.
14
15 '''
16
17 import json
18 import logging
19 import os
20 import platform
21 import sys
22 import socket
23 if sys.version_info[0] > 2:
24     PY3K = True
25 else:
26     PY3K = False
27
28 if PY3K:
29     import http.client as httplib
30 else:
31     import httplib
32
33 logger = logging.getLogger('phue')
34
35
36 if platform.system() == 'Windows':
37     USER_HOME = 'USERPROFILE'
38 else:
39     USER_HOME = 'HOME'
40
41 __version__ = '0.9'
42
```



**Be wary of metrics!**

# Continuous Integration

- Things that happen automatically will happen more often
- If software is easy to test, it's easy to ship
- Many CI tools out there
  - Jenkins
  - Zuul
  - Circle CI
  - etc...



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More options



✓ tests build framework for testing more complex API interactions

- #6 passed

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This builds a framework for having a set of canned test responses based on HTTP Requests. It does this by monkey patching out HTTPConnection, and redirecting it into a static multi level

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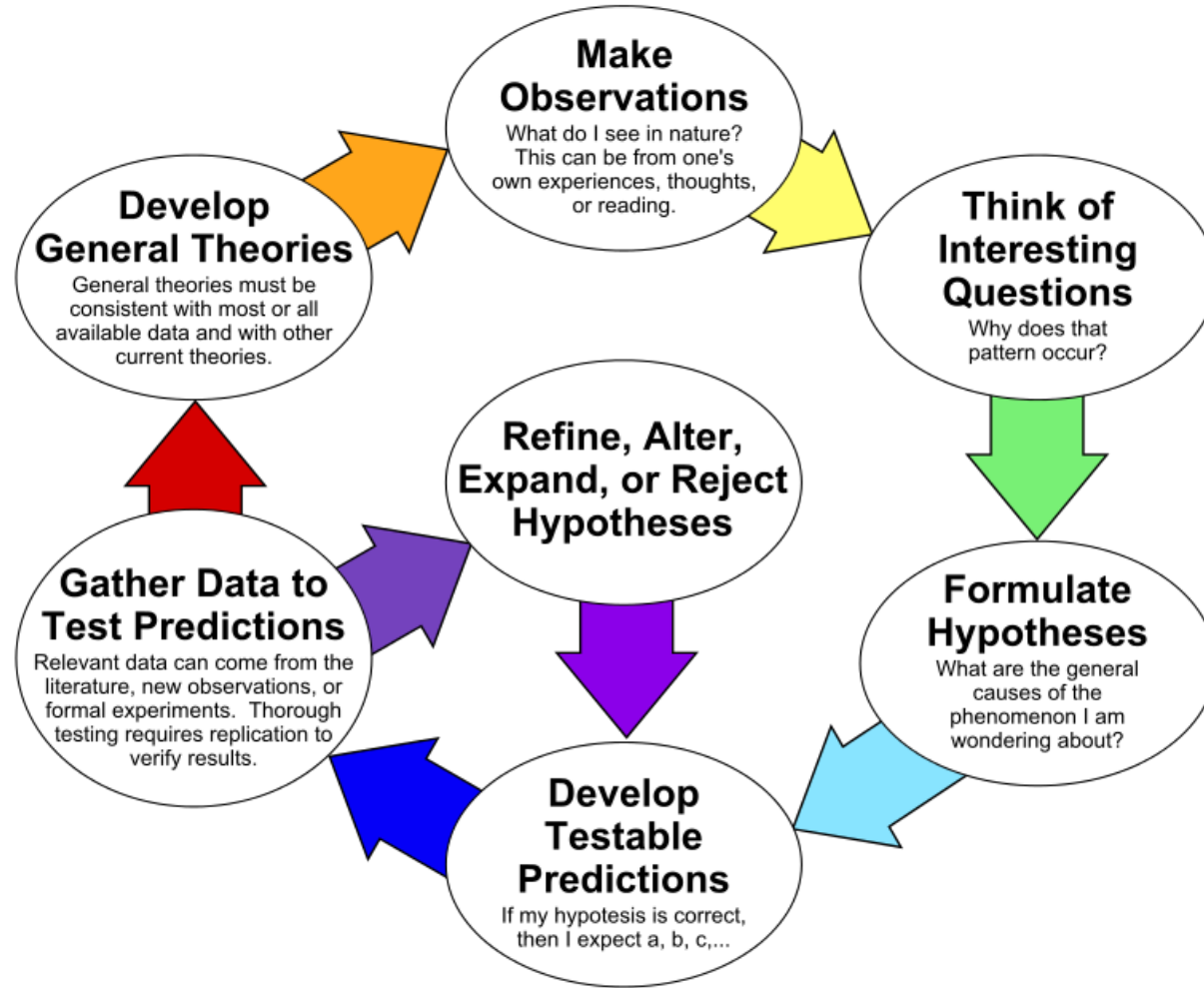
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# The Scientific Method as an Ongoing Process



# Questions?